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For: **SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND SURGICAL ACCESS**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

A Request for Correction of Filing Receipt and a copy of the Filing receipt with amendments indicated in red ink accompanies this Amendment.

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 4, please amend the following paragraph:

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This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/286,714, filed April 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,203,567, entitled SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND SURGICAL ACCESS, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/867,092, filed June 2, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,941,907, entitled SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND SURGICAL ACCESS.